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Naofumi AOKI et al. :
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For: UNAUTHORIZED-ALTERATION DETECTING METHOD, UNAUTHORIZED-
ALTERATION DETECTING PROGRAM, AND RECORDING MEDIUM HAVING RECORDED
THE PROGRAM

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the documents be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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